(ख) गिरफ्तार किए गए भारतीय / विदेशी नागरिक का वर्षवार ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है:—

1991	1992	1993
171	71	61

(ग) उपरोक्त मामलों में नहीं है।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Indictment of officials of the Enforcement Directorate

854. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Pioneer of January 6, 1994 regarding indictment of Enforcement Directorate officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the directions of the Supreme Court, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which conducted enquiry has charged two officials of the Enforcement Directorate at Lok Nayak Bhavan with 'Voluntarily causing hurt' to extract information from one Sawinder Singh, leading to his death

(c) if so, what are the details of the enquiry; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the officials of the Enforcement Directorate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The CBI enquiry has revealed that Shri Sawinder Singh was subjected to beating by Shri A.K. Narang, Enforcement Officer and Shri Jaswant Singh, Assistant Enforcement Officer during interrogation on the night of 28th February, 1992.

(d) A Chargesheet has been filed by the CBI against these two officials of the Enforcement Directorate in the court and the same is pending trial.

Audit of Nationalised Banks by CAG

855. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee of Parliament on Finance have recommended the audit of nationalised banks and other financial institutions to be brought under the control of the CAG;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the recommendation (as per Para 1.9) of the Standing Committee on Finance are as under:—

"The Committee strongly recommends that Parliamentary accountability of Banks should be enforced through audit of Banks by Comptroller & Auditor General of India for which the modalities should be worked out at the earliest. In this context, the Committee are at a loss to understand as to why the entire banking and financial sector of the economy has been kept outside the purview of C&AG audit. The Committee is not happy to note that the entire nationalised banking sector alongwith financial institutions, like IFC, IDBI, ICICI and the LIC are not at present covered by CAG, audit though these institutions account for a major portion of the country's economic and financial infrastructure and are important agencies to carry out Government policies for development and public welfare. This Committee does not feel that there is any merit in the Ministry's argument that the

banking sector should not be brought under CAG audit because CAG audit was primarily rule bound and banking activity necessarily involved as a measure of discretion. There is also no weigh in the argument that the nationalised banks and financial institutions would be discriminated against vis-a-vis the foreign banks, since the latter would be outside the purview of CAG audit. This Committee, therefore, recommends that the audit of the nationalised banks and other financial institutions which are Government owned or Government controlled should be brought under the control of C&AG who shoould select and appoint Statutoty Auditors and carry out a supplementary audit through its own officers just as is done in the case of Government companies and other public sector undertakings. Bringing the banks under the CAG audit would ensure that a vital component of the economy is not left outside the purview of CAG's jurisdiction. This would also go a long way in restoring public confidence and credibility of the banks and other financial institution".

(c) The matter is still under examination of the Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Decline in Gross National Product

856. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his been attention has drawn to the news item appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated 31st December, 1993 stating that Indian Gross National Product (GNP) has dropped for a second year;

(b) whether it is a fact that in 1990 India's GNP was 360 dollars per-capita and in 1992 it dipped to 203 dollars;

(c) whether it is lowest as compared to any other developing country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS: (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) This refers to a news item based on statistics contained in World Bank Atlas: 1994 released by the World Bank. As per the said publication, India's Gross National Product (GNP) per-capita was US dollars 310 in 1992 compared with US dollars 330 in 1991 and is not the lowest as compared to any other developing country.

Reduction in Customs Duty on Printing Machines

857. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Finance has received a Memorandum from the Indian Newspaper Society as a Pre-Budget Memorandum 1994-95;

(b) whether the Society has asked for decontrol and deregulation of the News print;

(c) whether the Newspaper Industry has submitted that the public sector/joint sector newsprint manufacturers are inefficient in their functioning and therefore they are unable to meet the requirement of the industry;

(d) whether the INS has also asked for reduction in customs duty of printing machinery, spares and consumables; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) They have asked for decontrol of newsprint by rescinding newsprint control order, 1962.